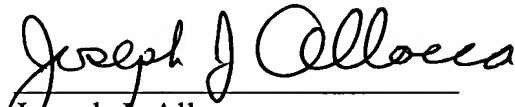


It is requested that the present application be examined on the basis of the above amended claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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